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DEVALUATING STATUS OF HINDI BY NCERT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindi has been accorded the status of Modern Indian language in the new syllabus being prepared by the NCERT;

(b) if so, whether the status of Modern Indian language bestowed over the official and national language Hindi would not devalue its position; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (c) The draft National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2005 makes references to classical languages and also to Modern Indian languages (MIL). However, this distinction is not an official distinction but is one made by linguists to distinguish languages which are in day-to-day use to those which have significance because of their heritage or linguistic value. These categories are not signs of status.

The draft National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2005, prepared by the NCERT endorses the 3-language formula, which has been upheld by the National Policy of Education, 1986. The status accorded to Hindi in the 3-language formula has not been changed in the NCF-2005.